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SUBJ: AMENDMENTS TO FAA: EFFECT ON US-CANADA MILITARY

ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 056632

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME MARCH 11, PRIVY COUNCIL CLERK AND CABINET SECRETARY MICHAEL PITFIELD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECTS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FAA (REFTEL) MIGHT HAVE, BOTH IMMEDIATELY ON THE LOCKHEED CONTRACT, ON FUTURE MAJOR ARMS PURCHASES BY CANADA (E.G. FIGHTER AIRCRAFT), AND ON LONG-STANDING SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND CANADIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS. WHILE NOT CONVERSANT WITH THE DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS, PITFIELD WAS CONCERNED THAT THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SOLIDEST UNDERPINNINGS TO US-CANADIAN RELATIONS, WOULD SUFFER FROM THE LIKELY GREATER CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SCRUTINY. HE LIKEWISE FELT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF FMS PROCEDURES WOULD ADD TO COSTS AND INJECT ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY INTO DEFENSE PROCUREMENT PROCESS WHICH WOULD THEREBY SUFFER SLOW-DOWNS.

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2. I UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE HIM WITH DETAILED SCENARIO

CONCERNING HOW FMS WORKS AND HOW IT MIGHT WORK UNDER REVISED AUTHORITIES, WHICH SCENARIO HEREWITH REQUESTED TOGETHER WITH ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS RAISED BY PITFIELD AND/OR OTHER GOC OFFICIALS IN LAST FEW DAYS:

(A) WHAT WERE CONGRESSIONAL MOTIVATIONS IN SEEKING AMENDMENTS AND WHAT ARE THEY INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH?

(B) WHAT IS THE WORDING OF THE PROVISIONS AFFECTING COMMERCIAL AND FMS SALES?

(C) IN WHAT WAYS ARE THESE PROVISIONS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE CANADIAN-LOCKHEED LRPA CONTRACT IF SIGNED BEFORE OR AFTER LAW'S EFFECTIVE DATE, AS WELL AS FUTURE MAJOR ARMS PURCHASES AND ARRANGEMENTS UNDER US-CANADIAN DEFENSE PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT?

(D) ARE THERE ANY PROSPECTS OR PROVISIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS BEING MADE TO APPLICATION OF LAW (E.G. FOR NATO COUNTRIES) OR ARE THERE PROVISIONS PROVIDING MEANS FOR DEALING WITH NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF LAW?

(E) HOW WILL THE LAW AFFECT THE "TWO-WAY STREET" DEFENSE PRODUCTION CONCEPT, NOTABLY OFFSETS?
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